

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claims 1-11 (canceled).

Claim 12. (new) A server apparatus connected to a transmitting IP apparatus, the transmitting IP apparatus transmitting an e-mail to a receiving IP apparatus via the server apparatus, the server apparatus comprising:

a memory configured to store an IP address of the receiving IP apparatus associated with a telephone number of the receiving IP apparatus;

a receiver configured to receive the e-mail from the transmitting IP apparatus, the e-mail including the telephone number of the receiving IP apparatus; and

a controller configured to obtain, from the received e-mail, the telephone number of the receiving IP apparatus, to obtain, from the memory, the IP address of the receiving IP apparatus associated with the telephone number of the receiving IP apparatus, and to transmit the received e-mail to the receiving IP apparatus, based on the IP address of the receiving IP apparatus.

Claim 13. (new) The server apparatus according to claim 12, wherein the controller transmits an error message to the transmitting IP apparatus when the memory does not store the IP address of the receiving IP apparatus associated with the telephone number of the receiving IP apparatus.

Claim 14. (new) The server apparatus according to claim 12 further being connected to a H.323 gatekeeper, the H.323 gatekeeper storing the IP address of the receiving IP apparatus associated with the telephone number of the receiving IP

P20705.A02

apparatus, wherein, when the memory does not store the IP address of the receiving IP apparatus, the controller accesses the H.323 gate keeper to obtain the IP address of the receiving IP apparatus.

Claim 15. (new) The server apparatus according to claim 12, wherein a header of the e-mail from the transmitting IP apparatus includes the telephone number of the receiving IP apparatus.

Claim 16. (new) A communication system comprising:

a transmitting IP apparatus; and

a server apparatus,

the transmitting IP apparatus comprising:

a panel configured to input a telephone number of a receiving IP apparatus; and

a controller configured to set, in an e-mail, the input telephone number of the receiving IP apparatus, and to transmit, to the server apparatus, the e-mail including the input telephone number of the receiving IP apparatus,

the server apparatus comprising:

a memory configured to store an IP address of the receiving IP apparatus associated with the telephone number of the receiving IP apparatus; and

a controller configured to receive the e-mail from the transmitting IP apparatus, to obtain, from the received e-mail, the telephone number of the receiving IP apparatus, to obtain, from the memory, the IP address of the receiving IP apparatus associated with the telephone number of the receiving IP apparatus, and to transmit the received e-mail to the receiving IP apparatus, based on the IP address of the receiving IP apparatus.

Claim 17. (new) A method for controlling an e-mail transmission using a server apparatus, the method comprising:

storing, at the server apparatus, an IP address of a receiving IP apparatus associated with a telephone number of the receiving IP apparatus;

receiving, from a transmitting IP apparatus, an e-mail, the e-mail including the telephone number of the receiving IP apparatus;

obtaining, from the received e-mail, the telephone number of the receiving IP apparatus;

obtaining, from the memory, the IP address of the receiving IP apparatus associated with the telephone number of the receiving IP apparatus; and

transmitting the received e-mail from the server apparatus to the receiving IP apparatus, based on the IP address of the receiving IP apparatus.